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LOK SABHA

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OIL RESERVES IN JAISALMER DISTRICT RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are huge deposits of petroleum and natural gas in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the study conducted by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the work of exploration is likely to be started there?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)to(c): During the period 1967 to 1997, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) had discovered six gas bearing structures viz. Manhera Tibba, Ghotaru, Khartar, Bakhri Tibba, Bankia and Sadewala, falling in Jaisalmer District with a 2.44 Billion Cubic Metre(BCM)of in-place valume of gas. Currently, Manhera Tibba field is on production and is producing gas at the rate of 0.043 Million Metric Cubic Metre (MMSCUM) per day.The feasibility of production from the remaining fields will depend on consumers` demand and techno-economics. ONGC is continuing exploration activities in area of its operation. In 1988, Oil India Ltd.(OIL) had struck gas in Tanot field. Subsequent to that OIL discovered gas at Dandewala and Bagitibba fields.The total gas in-place of these fields is 9.29 BCM. Gas is being supplied from these fields to the Rajasthan State Electricity Board through Gas Authority of India Ltd. at ar average rate of 0.42 MMSCUM per day.Future exploration activities will be decided by OIL if the Basin Modelling Study results so predicate.